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REQUEST FOR AN ORAL HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD OF APPEALS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

October 15, 2002  
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Sir:

Applicants hereby respectfully request an oral hearing before the Board of Appeals for presenting an argument in connection with the above-identified application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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